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Poland's 2 Zlote Millennium Coin at 25 Years

By Steven Bieda

Happy New Year! Hard to believe that Y2K was 25 years ago! Those old enough to remember (which is basically everyone in our club – not calling anyone old btw) will no doubt remember the consternation of many as to the shift in the calendar. Perhaps even less remembered today, but a number of countries issued special commemorative coins for the momentous transition to the new millennium on the Christian calendar. Among those countries that issued special coins was Poland, and the subject of this article is a 2 Zlote coin issued in a unique bimetallic composition for circulation consisting of a "Nordic Gold" ring and a copper-nickel center.

On the copper-nickel center, for the obverse design, is a depiction of the symbol of Poland, the White Eagle. On the top ring of the Nordic gold ring part of the design is the year "2000" while on the bottom the word "LAT."

The reverse side has the copper-nickel center with latent images of the dates, which depending on angle it is viewed, shift from 2000 to 2001, symbolizing the turn of the millennium. The periphery having the name of country RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA, along the top, and 2000 and 2 Zlote denomination along the bottom. The "2" is larger and located in the center of the design, so that the year of issue and denomination balance on both sides of the "2." The coin also features edge lettering, with the inscription "NARODOWY BANK POLSKI" (Bank of Poland) inscribed on the edge. Robert Kotowicz is the designer of both the obverse and reverse.

Poland minted 200,000 of these coins which measure 26.8mm (27mm) and weighs 8.31 grams. It is 2 mm thick. The coin is struck in medal alignment. It can be found in Krause as KM-374. These are not rare as the mintages can attest but can be found with some searching in dealer inventories or on on-line auction sites such as eBay – expect to pay between $2 to $10, depending on the dealer, for an uncirculated example.

► Spot prices as of 5 January. 2025

Gold:	$ 2,639.40/troy ounce
Silver:	$ 29.58/troy ounce
Copper:	$ 4.08/pound
Platinum:	$ 935.00/troy ounce
Palladium:	$ 910.00/troy ounce
$US-Złoty exchange: 4.14	

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Once again, come to the meetings and win

Your PANS meets once a month, and is generous in raffling off one Polish coin per meeting. Why not attend a meeting, and see if you can add something to your growing collection?

Send in your finds.

Have you found any Polish coins of note, perhaps squirreled away in some dealer's stock of foreign coins? If you have found a hidden treasure, or one hiding in plain sight, e-mail Mark a photo and a brief write-up of how you came upon it. The PANS members will most likely be interested in hearing about it.

Polish American Numismatic Society & Windsor Coin Club Annual International Coin Show
COIN SHOW
Sunday, February 16, 2025
10 am – 4 pm
American Polish Cultural Center
2975 East Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48083
Please Use Main Entrance on Dequindre Road
FREE ADMISSION
BUY – SELL - TRADE
COINS - CURRENCY - MEDALS
TOKENS - BOOKS - SUPPLIES
Over 65 US and World Coin Dealer Tables
NO SALES TAX on Coins & Bullion in Michigan
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Join Our Club

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 East Maple Road (15 Mile Road) at Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan. Visit the PANS Club website at www.pans-club.org for details. We currently have 10 meetings per year (August through May) with 2 months off during the summer. The Polish American Numismatic Society also plans a Christmas Oplatek Dinner during the Holiday Season. Meeting agendas include business matters and informative lectures from renowned guest speakers on topics including error and variety coins, significant coins in Polish history, Hamtramck scrip, coin photography. Open and lively member discussions about US and Polish numismatics are encouraged. Of course, the meeting would not be complete without coffee and delicious Polish pastries. The Polish American Numismatic Society hosts two very successful public coin show at the American Polish Cultural Center. Our primary show always takes place on the third Sunday of February. PANS also hosts a second show in August. Shows have been co-hosted with other clubs in the region. If you have any interest in numismatics, please attend a meeting and sign up as a member. PANS dues are only $20.00 per year or $30 per year if you would like the PANS Eaglet newsletter sent to your email on a quarterly basis. PANS Club Membership is a great way to meet collectors with similar interests and knowledgeable dealers willing to share their experiences in a hobby that we all enjoy. To become a member-in-good-standing, plan to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and perform club-related duties at PANS Club sponsored Coin Shows.

Membership Application *I hereby make application for membership in the Polish American Numismatic Society, subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and By-laws*.

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PRINT NAME: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

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DATE ACCEPTED: _____

FIRST YEAR DUES PAID: _____

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